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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1772
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KOGURE, GOKURAKU, TAKAHASHI) Examiner: Marc A. Patterson
IMANARI, KITAHAMA)
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Serial No. 09/629,949)
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Filed: August 1, 2000)

For: **MULTI-LAYER EXPANSION-MOLDED ARTICLE OF POLYPROPYLENE
RESIN, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREOF, AND CONTAINER,
SHOCK-ABSORBING MATERIAL FOR AUTOMOBILE AND AUTOMOTIVE
MEMBER FORMED OF THE MULTI-LAYER EXPANSION-MOLDED
ARTICLE OF POLYPROPYLENE RESIN**

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 26, 2002, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on December 26, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8 and 12-14 as shown in Appendices A and